

MANY PLEAS  
OF GUILTYWere Made in Hardwick Lip-  
uor Cases

## SOME SENTENCES GIVEN

The Jury Disagreed in the Case of  
George Hutton, Who Was Charged  
With Uttering a Forged  
Check.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 27.—Many cases growing out of the recent whole liquor raid in Hardwick have been disposed of in Caledonia county court this week following the trial of the case of State vs. George Hutton, for alleged uttering of a forged check and in which the jury disagreed. Most of the respondents in the liquor cases were either placed on probation or their sentences were deferred.

W. E. Hopkins proprietor of Hopkins Inn, pleaded to one offence of selling and was fined \$300 which he paid with costs. He also pleaded guilty of keeping with intent to sell and was sentenced to the county jail for not less than ten months and not more than twelve months. He was placed under probation under the latter sentence, with very stringent regulations.

Chilly Groat, alias Charles Cross, pleaded to one offence of selling and was sentenced to hard labor for not less than eight and not more than ten months in the county jail. He also was placed on strict probation. Mrs. Anni Croci pleaded guilty to one offence of selling and was sentenced to not less than three and not more than four months, with the stipulation that she be committed until sentence is completed with.

George Daniels, proprietor of a hotel, pleaded guilty to two offences of selling. Ross Bardella to one offence, Eliza Beth Rossi to keeping with intent to sell and Charles Bianchi to one offence of selling and one to keeping with intent to sell. Sentences in all these cases were deferred.

FOUR CHILDREN  
BURNED TO DEATHAfter Father Had Made Desperate Ef-  
fort To Reach Them in His Home  
Near Dunbar, Pa.

Dunbar, Pa., Jan. 27.—Fire which destroyed the home of A. M. Kendall near here today cremated his four children after he had made a desperate effort to rescue them. Mr. Kendall was severely injured by leaping from a second story window to the ground. The fire started from a gas heater.

## SCOFFS AT REPORT

That the Florida Was Running Only Five  
Knobs.

New York, Jan. 27.—That the responsibility for the collision of the steamers Republic and Florida will be settled by the admiralty courts is the decision of the White Star Line. P. A. Frandlin, vice-president of the company, laughed to-day at the statement that the Florida was running only five knobs an hour. "Do you think any vessel running only five knots could have sunk the Republic?" he asked.

## EXPECT TO HOLD BOY.

On the Charge of Murdering Mrs. Cath-  
erine Gray at Lawrence.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 27.—The police court trial of the fifteen years old Ambrose Van Buskirk who is said to have confessed to beating to death Catherine Gray last Saturday is in progress here. Sixteen witnesses will be examined. It is expected that the boy will be held for the grand jury.

## ROBBERS' VICTIM DEAD.

Charles E. Randall, Who Was Shot Last  
Friday, Died To-day.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 27.—Charles E. Randall, an employee of the Glenview Dye Works, who was shot last Friday while standing off highwaymen who tried to rob him and Emma Dodge of a \$5,000 pay-roll, died at the Rhode Island hospital. The girl is in a state of collapse. There is no trace to the robbers.

## WOULD MOVE CAPITAL.

Bill Provides for New Hampshire State  
House at Manchester.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 27.—The last day for the introduction of new bills in the legislature was marked by the presentation of a bill providing for the removal of New Hampshire's capital from Concord to Manchester.

## COQUELIN IS DEAD.

Famous French Actor Died in Paris To-  
day of Angina Pectoris.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Benoit C. Coquelin, the famous French actor, died here today from angina pectoris. He was 68 years of age and was born in Boulogne, France.

Fitt's store will be closed all day Thursday, for repairs.

INFATUATION ENDED  
IN DOUBLE TRAGEDYYoung Man Killed Burlesque Actress  
And Then Did the Same to Him-  
self in Philadelphia Last Night.

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—Marie Kenney, a burlesque actress 20 years old, was shot and almost instantly killed at a late hour last night by an unidentified young man, who was infatuated with her. He then fired a bullet into his brain and died shortly after his removal to a hospital.

Friends of the dead actress say the man had been paying attention to Miss Kenney for about a month, although she was a married woman. Last night they went to a theatre. After the show they visited a furnished room house in the tendorler district. They had hardly entered an upstairs room when two shots were heard.

The man wore a light over coat with the trade name of Simon Long & Son, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on the collar. Sewed in the pocket of his coat was a tag bearing the name of L. M. Hemmerling. He had been spending money lavishly but when he died no money was found on his clothes.

## KIERAN UNDER ARREST.

Vice-President of the Fidelity Funding  
Co. Must Explain Its Affairs.

New York, Jan. 27.—Patrick J. Kieran, vice-president of the Fidelity Funding company, whose affairs are in the hands of receivers, was arrested at his home here last night on the ground that he was a fugitive from justice and that he was wanted in Pittsburgh, where charges of grand larceny had been lodged against him. Kieran was taken to the police headquarters but had been locked up but a few hours when word came from Superintendent of Police McQuaid of Pittsburgh stating that Kieran had given bonds there and requesting that he be released. This was done but before Kieran left headquarters he was served with an order to appear in the supreme court on January 29 to be examined regarding the affairs of the Fidelity Funding company.

"GARGOYLE" SPEECH  
TO BE EXPUNGEDIt is Not Fit For the Pages of the Con-  
gressional Record Reported the  
Committee Today

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—Congressman Willett of New York overshot the mark, according to the House special committee of investigation, when in his recent speech he said that President Roosevelt was a "gargoyle, a pigny and a bogus hero." The committee headed by Congressman Mann of Illinois have spent a week reading the speech and today reported in favor of expunging it from the Congressional Record. The House without debate voted to expunge the attack.

## A FAST WIDOW.

The "Merry Widow," a Horse, On the  
Ice Track.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 27.—The second day's racing of the Delorimer ice meet yesterday, brought out a large crowd that witnessed some good racing in the 2:17 pace, 2:12 pace. The results: 2:17 pace, purse \$1,000—Merry Widow (Camp) Ontario, N. Y., won. J. B. Wilkes, (Moore Bros.) Sarnia, Ont., second; Rex, (R. W. Stewart) Ottawa, third. Annet and Max Wax also ran. Best time 2:19 1/2. 2:12 pace, purse \$400—Reuben, (J. O'Hallerty) Stratford, Ont., first; Prince Greenlander, (M. Leaveller) Montreal, second; Tony Bars, (W. Hedon) Montreal, third; Lady Baxter, Little Sandy, Blackbird and Megaphone also ran. Best time 2:20 1/4.

## YOUNG TAFT ILL.

President-elect's Son Has Tonsillitis at  
New Haven, Conn.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 27.—Robert Taft, the elder son of President-elect Taft and a junior Yale university, is ill at the Yale infirmary. He was said today that he is resting comfortably. His illness is tonsillitis contracted from a heavy cold.

## KAISER 50 YEARS OLD.

Berlin is Gaily Decked Out Today in  
Honor of the Event.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—This city is in holiday attire, being gaily decorated in honor of Kaiser Wilhelm's fiftieth birthday. The celebration is on a more elaborate scale than for many years.

## LOCATING THE QUAKE.

London Scientists Think it Was in  
Chinese Turkestan.

London, Jan. 27.—Records of the Baku, Russia, seismograph make English scientists agree that the violent disturbance of last Saturday was in Chinese Turkestan.

Since winter began there has been an unusual amount of destruction in the Rutland and the poor department and the Salvation Army have worked their hardest to relieve suffering. Some idea of the number of unemployed is given by the many men who sought work cutting ice. Two firms there who employ men had 200 applications for the jobs. The two Salvation Army officers are living on an average of \$2.50 per week for the two which includes their rent and other living expenses. "The smallest amount that we have had to live on for a week since we have been in Rutland," says Adjutant Smith, "was 30 cents, and we haven't gone hungry a single meal."

REFUSE \$60,000  
BY 137 TO 66House Would Appropriate  
For State Normal School

## PRINTERS BILL IS DEAD

Judge Butler Resigned as Senator and  
Took the Oath of His New  
Office This Morn-  
ing.

State House, Jan. 27.

The tax measure came into the House from the Senate this morning and was taken up at 11:35. Clerk Plumley took a drink of water and started on the hour voyage through the sea of intangibles. It will be acted upon this afternoon. The amendment of the Senate establishing a state normal school at the expense of \$60,000 was killed in the House this morning in a yeas and nays vote by 137 to 66. The House refused to concur in the Senate's amendment to the printers' bill, which provided for the collection of \$832 by the Tuttle Co. of Rutland.

In the Senate this morning, the resignation of Senator Butler, who was yesterday elected superior judge, was tendered and accepted. He took the oath of office before Aaron Groat, secretary of civil and military affairs, this morning, and will meet with the other superior judges this afternoon at the Pavilion, where a conference is to be held to make changes in the rules.

The so-called "salary-grab" bill has not yet been taken up in the Senate for consideration. The report of the committee on conference with reference to H. 385 was adopted in the House this morning. This changes the bill so that the railroad commission may compel the printing of the time tables in the newspapers by railroads in this state along the lines of the road.

## Senator Butler Resigns.

When the Senate was called to order this morning, President Mead read a short letter from Senator Butler, who tendered his resignation to take effect at once. It was just a short note and was read. Senator Lewis of Orleans moved that the resignation be accepted and expressed regret that the Senate was about to lose a distinguished member. Senator Flint of Windsor seconded the motion and stated that for the most part the best of feeling had existed between the members and that they were loath now to lose one from their midst. Senator Butler thanked the members for their loyal support and said that he believed the present legislature was a strong one and would never cause him to be especially pleased at some of the legislation with reference to the courts, which he believed would be to the best interests of the state.

He again thanked the members for their remarkable support and said that he would try to perform his new duties in a manner that would never cause those who had been instrumental in his election to regret their action. Judge Butler received his commission from Governor Prouty this morning and took the oath of office. It may be that Senator Butler will have to assume his new duties at one, relieving Judge Powers, who is presiding at Windsor.

## Debate on Normal School Bill in House.

H. 626, relating to appropriations for normal schools. Mr. Locklin of Richmond opposed the proposed Senate amendment and the bill, as did Mr. Croft of Berkshire and Mr. Boutwell of Stockbridge, who thought the measure was not properly before the House.

Mr. Daniels of East Montpelier and Mr. Williams of Newport favored Mr. Brown of Fairfield was in favor of the scheme. Mr. Cook of Danbury asked the appropriation committee to explain the provisions of the bill in detail, which was done by Mr. Bacon. Mr. Williams demanded the yeas and nays on the question.

Mr. Goodrich of Royalton opposed the bill. Mr. March of Plainfield favored it. Mr. Parrish of Randolph thought the manual training school was a good one, but that the normal schools were doing all right as they are. Mr. Fuller of Bloomfield urged the passage of the bill, and Mr. Wheeler of South Burlington favored it. Mr. DeBoer of Montpelier made a masterly speech in favor of the bill.

Mr. Jones of Sudbury moved that the debate now cease, but the motion was voted down. Mr. Goodall of Whitingham favored normal schools, but opposed the measure in its present form. Mr. Seaver of Williamstown thought that on account of the financial condition of the state treasury that the bill should not pass. Mr. Flint of Braintree questioned the source of the demand for this new school and did not believe it came from the parents; he favored the existing schools, but opposed this measure.

Mr. Ballou of Chester was in favor of the bill. The roll call resulted as follows: Yeas, 66; nays, 137, and the House refused to concur in the Senate proposals of amendment.

## NOTES AND COMMENT

ON THE LEGISLATURE

Mr. Hinsdale of St. George, the apple man, treated the members of the general assembly to a barrel of his staple fruit on Tuesday after the election of judges, and it is probable that the next time he sets the hour of adjournment his vote will carry.

Speaker T. C. Cheney pleasantly entertained the newspaper men and the clerks of the House at supper at the

Montpelier House on Monday evening. The supper was held at 6 o'clock, because all the boys were busy and unable to take an evening off during the rush incident to the close of the legislature.

In the Senate yesterday afternoon, the reading of the Bacon-Cushman-Flint combination tax bill required practically all of the time after the numbers of the Senate had returned from the general assembly, up to supper time. It took over an hour to read the bill with amendments, and first Secretary Skeels took a hand and then Assistant Page. Efforts were made to have the reading of certain well known sections by title only, but these were frustrated. Then the bill was passed, 19 to 5. Those voting against the passage were Senators Corry, Bliss, Potter, Lewis of Lamoille, and Flagg. The bill is practically the same as the one which was passed in the Senate, sent to the House, and then returned on the ground that it was unconstitutional. The intangibles bill is different, however, in that it calls for a tax of 7 mills instead of 5.

There was considerable excitement for a time during the election of a superior judge, when, at the end of the 14th ballot, it was announced that 233 votes had been cast. This did not look exactly straight and suspicion was added by the fact that on nearly each ballot evidence had been found of an attempt to stick two ballots together. These had been thrown out each time. Matt Leary was quick to act and demanded a roll-call, which made Secretary of State Bailey work. The call seemed justified when at the end it was announced that 247 were present. The ballots had not exceeded that number at all. The fight was an exciting one from the start, but victory went to the force that hung together best. A glance at the vote will show that Judge Butler came very near the required number of votes for election before dinner and after dinner, although he started in low, he was the only consistent gainer, although W. W. Stickney's candidacy revived in the afternoon and ran up as high as 61 votes on one ballot. Judge Butler got results of the battle sitting at the superior's chair in the Senate chamber. After the struggle was all over, cigars were passed and everyone smoked on the winning candidate of the 15-ballot fight.

## VETERANS' CHARITY BALL.

Annual Event at Rutland Adds \$300 to  
Relief Fund.

Rutland, Jan. 27.—The annual charity ball of Roberts Post and Roberts Relief Corps, G. A. R., was held here last evening and about \$300 was added to the fund for relief of needy veterans and their families. The ball was patronized by people of all stations and the patronesses were wives of prominent business and professional men, including Mrs. John A. Mead, wife of Lt. Gov. Mead. The grand march was led by Matthew D. Casey, commander of the post, and Mrs. Harry C. Walling, president of the relief corps. Every other dance was a square one for the benefit of the old folks and many of the old soldiers were seen on the floor.

The post and relief corps have spent \$5,000 in helping veterans and their families during the last 23 years, according to the statement of Gen. Levi G. Kingsley, who has been chairman of the relief committee for that period.

## LEAVES TOWN SUDDENLY.

When Charges Are Preferred Against  
Rutland Man.

Rutland, Jan. 27.—Dr. G. E. Bailey who has been practicing dentistry here the past year has suddenly left town following the filing of a complaint by Stacey's attorney, John A. Dr. K. L. Clavess, president of the state board of dental examiners, that Bailey was practicing without a license. He had taken the examination before the board of examiners last July but failed to pass. His home is in Gloverville, N. Y. It is said that he had been doing a big business here.

## LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

Romance of a Month Culminates in Mar-  
riage To-day.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—Charles W. Green, late captain of the Salvation Army here, and Miss Susie J. Tholens, daughter of Rev. J. A. Tholens, pastor of the Free Methodist church, were married here to-day by the father of the bride. It was the culmination of a romance of a month. Both the bride and groom were working and will reside in Montpelier. It was a case of love at first sight.

## PETITION DENIED.

No Separate Maintenance For Mrs. Ella  
H. Perkins.

Woodstock, Jan. 27.—Windsor county court has refused to grant the petition of Mrs. Ella H. Perkins for separate maintenance from Henry A. Perkins. The suit has caused a great deal of interest because of the prominence of both parties in public life at White River Junction.

## WANT LINE EXTENDED.

Burlington Citizens Petition Railroad  
Commission.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—The state board of railroad commissioners met here to-day for a hearing on the petition of citizens for the extension of the line of the Burlington Traction company on North avenue. It will probably be continued until to-morrow.

John H. Newton died suddenly last evening at his home in Burlington. Mr. Newton had worked all day on the Essex Junction line of the Traction company, where he had been employed as motorman almost since the formation of the company. He returned from work and after eating a hearty supper went to his room to take a nap. Mrs. Newton went to the station to take the train for Massachusetts leaving her husband, as she supposed, sleeping. Soon after her departure, however, he was found to have expired and she was notified just before the train left. His death was pronounced due to heart disease. Mr. Newton, who was 41 years of age, is survived by a wife and one child.

Fitt's store will be closed all day Thursday, for repairs.

TWO SLASHES  
AT HIS THROATFailed to End Life of Angelo  
Ambrozina

## ALTHO BADLY WOUNDED

He Had Not Been Acting Just Right  
Lately—He Is a Granite Cutter  
and Is 37 Years of  
Age.

Angelo Ambrozini lies in a serious condition at his rooms in the A. Tomas block as the result of an attempt at suicide by cutting his throat last night. The attempt was nearly successful, as the man had lost a great quantity of blood when he was discovered and before surgical aid was brought. A temporary derangement is believed to have been the cause.

The man was discovered by Mrs. Barbara Remlinger, of whom Ambrozini rents a room. Mrs. Remlinger was passing her door just after seven o'clock last evening and thought that she heard the sound of groans coming from his room. She listened for a moment and as the sounds continued she opened the door and there a grisly sight met her eyes. Upon the floor lay the form of Ambrozini weltering in a pool of blood which had flowed from two ghastly cuts in his throat, and beside him laid the razor with which the deed was committed.

Although frightened, Mrs. Remlinger did not lose her presence of mind and immediately ran into the hallway and meeting a boy sent him to notify the police. Luckily he met Officer Frank Hamel at once and summoned him to the room. At his first glance at the gruesome scene, the policeman thought that the man had accomplished his end and that he was dead.

But he immediately went to the nearest telephone and called Drs. J. E. McSweeney, E. G. Ghidella and M. D. Lamb. The doctors arrived soon and found that two frightful cuts extended across Ambrozini's throat, almost severing the trachea where it joins the larynx. Luckily the keen edge of the razor did not quite reach the jugular vein; otherwise, he would have been dead by the time that he was discovered. The wounds were sewed up and dressed and the doctors stated that his chances of recovery were good.

Apparently the man had sat in a chair when he did the slashing, as, when found, he lay beside the chair and in front of it was a cuspidor full of blood. He had drawn the razor across his throat and then deliberately sat there watching the life fluid run into the cuspidor until he fell from the chair in sheer weakness. Not only was the cuspidor full, but there was a big pool of blood on the floor.

Ambrozini is a granite cutter and about 36 years of age. He was employed until about a week ago at Guidici Brothers' granite plant, but since that time he had not been working. His friends say that he had been acting rather morose for a week or more, and that he would not speak to them. It is said that he had not been drinking lately, but there were stories of alleged jealousy of another man over a woman. Ambrozini was divorced from his wife about three years ago, but his separation from her did not seem to affect his spirits at all. Occupants of the block say they heard him walking up and down in his room for several hours before the deed was committed.

About the time that he was slashing his throat, two men were trying to locate him, having been warned by Ambrozini's cousin in Milford, N. H., that Angelo was perhaps not just right mentally. Angelo had written a letter to the cousin in Milford, and the contents were so wandering and incoherent that suspicions were aroused. The cousin asked friends in this city to look him up and see what the trouble was. These two friends went to the former boarding-place of Ambrozini in the north part of the city and there were informed that the man had left about two weeks before and that he was at present rooming in a building on Main street. So, not knowing just where to look, the two searchers gave up further search until to-day. Meanwhile the object of their search had tried to do away with himself.

## BARTLETT—CATE

Quiet Home Wedding in Plainfield Last  
Evening.

Plainfield, Jan. 27.—A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the Cate home on High street last evening, at eight o'clock, when Mrs. Inez Cate and Edward J. Bartlett were united in marriage by the Rev. Perrin B. Fisk. The wedding march was played by Miss Mildred Cate and Herbert Cate.

Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony. Refreshments of cake, coffee and fruit were served. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett will reside on the farm owned by Mr. Bartlett on the Barre road. Both the bride and groom are popular in the various societies of which they are members. Their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous future.

## WILL RECOVER.

Harry Moore Who Jumped Off a Mov-  
ing Train.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 27.—Harry Moore who was injured by slipping under the wheels of a train from which he leaped last Monday and who was brought to Brightlook hospital, is reported to be improved. His right leg will be amputated just below the knee.

Fitt's store will be closed all day Thursday, for repairs.

## NEW SUPERIOR JUDGE.

F. M. Butler Elected on Fifteenth Ballot  
After Unusual Struggle.

Fred Mason Butler of Rutland City, who late yesterday was elected a superior court judge by the legislature on the fifteenth ballot, is a man of middle life and of long practice in the legal profession. He was born in the town of Jamaica, this state, on May 28, 1864, being therefore nearly 55 years old. He was educated at Leland & Gray seminary at Townshend. After being admitted to the bar he removed to Rutland in 1877 and is now a member of the firm of Butler & Maloney, his partner being the oratorical luminary, Tom Maloney. They enjoy a large and lucrative practice in the courts of that section of the state, and they are also frequent pleaders before the bench of the supreme court of the state as well.

Judge Butler has held various minor offices and has been city attorney in Rutland. He was already called "Judge" by reason of the fact that he served as judge of the Rutland city court from 1888 to 1894. Judge Butler is a Baptist in religious preference and a Republican in politics. He is also one of the four senators from Rutland county now serving in the legislature.

This association with the electing body undoubtedly served him well in the election of yesterday, as it afforded the electors an intimate acquaintance with him. The contest was one of the most strenuous the legislature has known for some time, the interest being kept right up to the fifteenth ballot, when Senator Butler won out by two votes over three others. He got 124 votes out of 243 cast. His nearest competitor was Governor W. W. Stickney of Ludlow, who polled 60, with Representative Frank L. Fish of Vergennes, who had held the lead during the early part of the contest, trailing along with 35 and Representative Watson of St. Albans City coming last with 24 votes.

In fact, the interest was so keen that the members got to casting more votes than there were voters. From the thirteenth to the fourteenth ballot there was an unexpected jump of seven votes in the total, and nobody knew where the seven came from. There were only 247 members of the legislature present, which was six less than the total vote cast on the fourteenth ballot. This state of affairs was revealed when Representative Leary of Burlington, somewhat startled by the jump in the vote, demanded a roll-call of the members. The roll-call was taken, and the total vote fell back to, and below, normal on the fifteenth and deciding ballot, after which Mr. Butler was declared elected. There is still much figuring about the extra votes.

## ONE FOR ST. JOHNSBURY.

Defeated Lauter A. C. Last Night by  
Score of 37 to 26.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 27.—Co. D defeated Lauter A. C. here last night in one of the fastest games of the season, 37 to 26. Lauter made a good bid for the game in the early stages. Lacasse and Corbett played a fast game for the locals, as did W. Wright and Martin for the visitors. The summary:

Company D.	Lauter A. C.
Matthews, r. f. ....	b. W. Wright
C. Wright, l. f. ....	c. Callahan
Brennan, r. b. ....	c. Biggane
Lacasse, r. b. ....	l. J. Patrick
Corbett, l. b. ....	r. J. Martin

Score, Co. D 37, Lauter A. C. 26; goals from the floor, Corbett 7, Matthews 5, Brennan 2, C. Wright, Lacasse, W. Wright 5, Martin 4, Callahan, Patrick; goals from fouls, Co. D 5, Lauter A. C. 4; referee, Gunn; scorer, Sargent; timer, Gray; time, three 15-minute periods; attendance, 650.

## HAD TO PICK UP

In Order to Beat the Pastimes in Bowl-  
ing Match.

It looked like an easy time for the Crescent bowling team on the Montpelier alleys last night after they had taken two strings from the Pastimes in the state league, but the Pastimes braced and picked the next two strings right off the reel. Then the Crescents hunted Smith making 229, Tremoreth 101 and Nute 216, with a total of 630. That was a plenty for the Pastimes.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—The Queen City bowling team won three out of five strings from the Allens last night.

## BISHOP MICHAUD'S WILL.

Has Been Filed in Probate Court and  
Will Be Proved Next Saturday.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—It has been deemed advisable by the Rt. Rev. John S. Michaud, late bishop of Burlington, to have the estate administered through the probate court and accordingly the will of the dead prelate has been offered for probate and next Saturday has been assigned as the time to prove the instrument. The personal estate left by the late bishop is not large and all of the diocesan property will come under control of Bishop Michaud's successor.

By the terms of the will, the entire estate is devised to the diocese of Burlington. The executors are the Revs. J. D. Shannon of Middlebury and Norbert Proulx of Rutland.

## SCALES FOR ROOSEVELT.

Built at the Fairbanks Works in St.  
Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 27.—The Fairbanks Scale company has made for Ernest Thompson-Seaton a set of novel polished scales with nickel trimmings, the scales being modeled somewhat after the old-fashioned steelyards. Mr. Seaton has applied for a patent on the scales. The set finished he will give to President Roosevelt to be used in his African hunting trip. The scales are easily adjusted and can be carried in Roosevelt's hunting paraphernalia.

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1909 BUDGET  
OF EXPENSESEstimated Tax Rate \$2.30  
Necessary

## AND THEN A REDUCTION

There Will Be an Unusual Expense This  
Year to Retire \$75,000 of Sewer  
Bonds Which Fall  
Due.

Barre's budget for the next municipal year was presented by the finance committee to the aldermen last evening, showing an estimated expenditure for 1909 of \$270,739.98, to meet which an income of \$282,803.71 is estimated on a tax rate just the same as last year, \$2.30. The expenses will be unusually large, as it will be necessary to retire \$75,000 sewer bonds which become due, but a sinking fund has been laid away for several years, the sum total of which, with this year's accretion, will wipe out the entire bonds with the exception of about \$250. When this issue is retired, the city's bonded debt will be approximately \$100,000 which is low indeed.

The present bonded debt, with note issues, is \$179,944.25—an increase of \$700 during the year. Against this slight increase in debt is an increase of \$21,850.42 in assets during the past year. There is, moreover, a balance of \$12,081.00 in the treasury at the close of the year, which is nearly eight thousand more than was left a year ago.

"Several things," says the finance committee's report, "contributed to increasing our balance to this amount, one of the principal being that our city schools received a larger sum from the state in the several distributions of the state school tax and funds than we had received in previous years. This came about from the fact that our school expenses for the previous year ran over seventy cents on the dollar of the grand list and placed us in a class whereby we secured a larger per cent. of the distribution than usual and enabled the schools to complete their year's business without calling on the city for anything over the seventy cent school tax."

Further contributing to this condition was the fact that "we were not called upon to pay any land damages during the year and our income from various sources came fully up to the estimates made, together with great care used in the expenditures by the different departments has enabled us to finish the year with an favorable balance."

The finance committee expresses the confidence that the estimated income will be able to meet the estimated expenses for 1909 unless an extraordinary appropriation should be called for, for instance, the building of a storage reservoir for the water system. In order to bring the sinking fund to the point where it will be possible to retire the \$75,000 sewer bonds due this year, the committee recommends that thirty cents of the year's tax rate be set aside for that purpose.

At the same time, the estimates for the other departments are such as to provide appropriations to continue the liberal policy pursued on streets and sidewalks, also to add to the street sprinkling service and to pay part of the cost of changing the course of the river if that work is carried out during the year.

By another year a "substantial reduction" in the tax rate is promised by the finance committee, provided there are no unusual and large outlays of money, and the report, in closing, calls upon the succeeding finance committee to carefully supervise the expenditures in the various departments and follow as closely as possible the plans mapped out by the committee now in office.

There were several other reports presented last night. The trustees of the French Barre